

Meantime the coffer containing the body of Osiris
 had The body
 floated down the river and away out to sea, till at last
 it floatedⁿ to
 drifted ashore at Byblus, on the coast of Syria. Here a
 fine Byblus,
er tea-tree shot up suddenly and enclosed the chest in
 its recovered⁸
 trunk. The king of the country, admiring the growth
 of ^{bv} the tree, ^{Isis_} had it cut down and made into a pillar of
 his
 house ; but he did not know that the coffer with the
 dead
 Osiris was in it. Word of this came to Isis and she
 journeyed to Byblus, and sat down by the well, in
 humble
 guise, her face wet with tears. To none would she
 speak
 till the king's handmaidens came, and then she
 greeted
 kindly, and braided their hair, and breathed on them
 from
 her own divine body a wondrous perfume. But when
 the
 queen beheld the braids of her handmaidens' hair and
 smelt
 the sweet smell that emanated from them, she sent for
 the
 stranger woman and took her into her house and
 made her
 the nurse of her child. But Isis gave the babe her
 finger
 instead of her breast to suck, and at night she began
 to burn
 all that was mortal of him away, while she herself in
 the
 likeness of a swallow fluttered round the pillar that
 con-
 tained her dead brother, twittering mournfully. But
 the
 queen spied what she was doing and shrieked out
 when she
 saw her child in flames, and thereby she hindered him
 from
 becoming immortal. Then the goddess revealed
 herself
 and begged for the pillar of the roof, and they gave it
 her,
 and she cut the coffer out of it, and fell upon it and
 em-
 braced It and lamented so loud that the younger of the
 king's
 children died of fright on the spot. But the trunk of
 the tree
 she wrapped in fine linen, and poured ointment on it,

and gave
it to the king and queen, and the wood stands in a
temple of

Pyramid Texts, and it is illustrated by maim, *Religion of the Ancient Egyptians*[^]
a monument which represents the two p. 223). Plutarch, who
appears to distinguish him from Horns,
sister goddesses hovering in the like-
says that ness of hawks over the god, while Harpocrates was begotten by
the dead I lathor sits at his head and the Frog- Osiris on Isis, and that he
was born goddess Heqet squats in the form of a untimely and was weak in
his lower huge frog at his feet. See]. II. Breasted, limbs (*Isis et Osiris*, 19).
Elsewhere
Development of Religion and Thought he tells us that
Harpocrates "was born, incomplete and
in Ancient Egypt, p. 28, with note";
youthful, about
K. A. Wallis Budge, *Osiris and* the winter solstice
along with the early
the Egyptian Resurrection, i. 280. flowers and
blossoms" (*his et Osiris*,
Harpocrates is in Egyptian *Ifer-pe*-65).
khred> "Horns the child" (A. Wiede-